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Group Art Unit: 2425

Docket No.: SONYJP 3.3-315

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AND PROGRAM

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-15 and 17-25, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: